



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

February 2015 – Our next regular meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 PM at Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. We will induct our new officers that evening and there will be a “book sale bonanza” to help clear out excess library materials.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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February Coins of the Month: For February, we are offering a nearly complete mint-wrapped roll of BU 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial “Formative Years” cents. I believe the roll contains 49 coins. Bidding will start at just \$4 for this BU-tiful coin roll.



February 2015 MNS President's Message

We were unable to swear in the newly elected officers at the January meeting, since just a few of the necessary individuals in attendance. This is not a big deal, and provided we have a better turnout we will take care of this formality at the February meeting.

The Racine Coin Club's annual show is coming up on February 22nd at the Roma Lodge. This is always another great annual one day show in our area, so I hope that many of you will make it a point to attend. Speaking of shows, with the Central States Numismatic Society spring show coming up in the later part of April, a proposal was made at the last meeting to investigate whether a bus trip for members would be feasible. I will report the results at the next meeting, and I do think such a trip would work well. We have previously chosen to use a bus to visit the ANA show, so this year we may just attend CSNS instead in order to offer some variety to members who otherwise might not attend. Between the bourse, exhibit viewing, and educational seminars, your day certainly would not have a lot of down time at the CSNS convention.

The Mayfair Mall Management has required community room users to remove all personal property from the common and storage areas by the end of February. This means that all of our library books, refreshment materials, etc. need to be removed or be discarded by the mall. I have culled a large number of magazines and other unnecessary materials from our library, so at our next meeting we will have a number of materials up for grabs to the general membership. Some of the better reference materials we might auction off, while the magazines and trade journals will be free for the taking.

Just a couple of quick reminders. Please be sure to have your fantasy numismatic picks completed by the end of next meeting so that they can be saved for the coming year. We will have a copy of the price guide magazine for your use. Also, if you have not already done so, please sign up for the Central States Educational Seminar coming up on May 23rd. It is an opportunity close to home not to be missed. Again, there are still many openings in the coming months for refreshments and program ideas. Please let myself or Jim know if you are interesting in helping your club. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered!

For those not aware, or if you have forgotten, each year the MNS offers scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar classes in Colorado Springs. Basically, a week-long educational vacation to spend talking and studying all things numismatic. The MNS has one full and two partial scholarships to offer. The only difference is that the full scholarship includes room, board, tuition, and transportation costs, while the partials just include room, board, and tuition. This is a great opportunity for our members, provided they meet the necessary application requirements. Although it is too late for additional applicants for this year, this is just something to keep in mind for next year. Please let myself or one of the other officers know if you are interested in applying!

In membership news, we will be voting on at least one new member at our next meeting, a YN named Andrew Klabunde. He seems like a very nice young man, and is taking a lot of interest in the hobby. It has been great to see him at the last couple of meetings, and hopefully we will all make him feel welcome so he continues to grow and learn in the numismatic hobby. Many thanks to his transport to the meetings, his mother Linda (who may also apply for membership at a future date).

Happy Collecting,
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From Dave Hunsicker: Cabin Fever Flea Market, Sunday March 1, 9 AM -3 PM, Glassware, Dolls, Jewelry, Postcards, Coins, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 S. 92nd Street, West Allis.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2015 are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 15:	Photograding Flying Eagle & Indian Cents by Darrell L.
Feb 19:	Officer Inductions, Book Sale Bonanza
March 19:	Open
April 16:	Open
May 21:	Open
June 18:	Spring Auction
July 16:	Open
Aug 20:	Open
Sept 17:	Open
Oct 15:	Open
Nov 19:	Autumn Auction
Dec 17:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2015 are \$10. Please pay at the next meeting, or mail to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2015 Numismatic Events

Feb. 15, 2015	Oshkosh Coin Show, Oshkosh Convention Ctr., 2 N. Main St., 9 AM-4 PM
February 22	Racine Coin Club Show Roma Lodge (9 AM - 3 PM)
March 8, 2015	Waukesha Coin Club Show, New Berlin Ale House, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave., 9 AM-4 PM
March 19-21	South Shore CC Show, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6401 S. 13 th St, Milwaukee.
March 21	MNS Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7 AM
April 22-25	CSNS Annual Show, Schaumburg, IL
May 15-16	NOW/WI Valley CC Show, Old Car Show Building, 700 E. State St. Iola, WI
May 23	CSNS Paper Money Educational Seminar at Clarion Airport Hotel, Milwaukee, 8 AM-4PM
Aug. 11-15	ANA World's Fair of Money Stephens Convention Ctr, Rosemont, IL
Mar 31- Apr 2, 2016	MNS/SSCC sponsored NOW show

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Dave Herrewig
Feb:	Don Kaminski
Mar:	Dave H.
Apr:	Open
May:	Stu C.
Jun:	Open
Jul:	Open
Aug:	Open
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Leon A.
Dec:	Holiday Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

January 15, 2015

President Justin Perrault called the 954th meeting of the MNS to order at 7:08. There were 23 members in attendance and two guests. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Leon Saryan volunteered to record the minutes.

Door Prizes and Coin of the Month: Door prizes were won by Neil Shafer, Tom Ralston, Henry Javorsky, Darrell Luedtke, Tom Dallmann, Steve Jacobson, Bruce Bartelt, Josh Whitehall, Gary Bieringer, Don Kaminski, Peter Jacobsohn, and Leon Adraktas. Dave H auctioned a slabbed 2009 Lincoln cent, which sold to Tom Ralston for \$6.

Minutes and Induction: December meeting minutes were approved by voice vote as printed. Induction of the 2015 officers was postponed until February.

Treasurer: Show profit was \$2254.86 of which \$349.30 was from the raffle. No December transactions were recorded.

Newsletter: Leon S thanked Dave H and Josh W for help with envelopes and labels respectively. There was a discussion about sending the newsletter by e-mail. For security reasons it will no longer be posted to the website. Short articles are always welcome.

CSNS Paper Currency Seminar: Leon reminded us that the CSNS Seminar is May 23, 2015 at the Clarion Milwaukee Airport Hotel. Send in your applications now.

Commercial Changes: Greenfield Hobby Shop will close its doors within a few months and Bob's Coins will be moving to another address shortly.

Membership: 2015 dues are payable now. They are still a bargain at \$10.

Meeting Room: The Community room is reserved for 2015, but we still need to move our stuff including the library collection. Progress was made cleaning the closets in the meeting room.

Fantasy Numismatics: Leon announced the FN contest winners for 2014. The top three winners received nice prizes.

Upcoming shows: Per Tom Casper, the following shows are on tap: Feb. 15, Oshkosh; Feb. 22, Racine at Roma Lodge, 9 AM-3 PM; Mar. 1, West Allis Flea Market at K of C Hall, 1800 S. 92nd St.

Bus: Tom Ralston suggested renting a bus to go to Central States in Schaumburg in April. A motion by Bill Spencer seconded by Tom Ralston to explore a Friday (April 24) trip was passed without opposition.

ANA Scholarship: MNS offers one full and two partial scholarships annually to the ANA Summer Seminar.

MNS Merit Badge Clinic: The Boy Scout Coin Collecting merit badge clinic will be held on March 21 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel [Sabre Room] on S. 13th St. Gather at 7 AM. Volunteers are needed, donuts and lunch are provided. Call Leon at 414-282-1919.

Show and Tell: Josh Whitehall showed some MNS medals that had circulated for 3 years, Peter Jacobsohn showed an old dental document, Tom Casper had some US Savings Bonds, Neil Shafer had some FUN Show souvenir cards and an old advertising piece, Jeff Gaffke had a FUN \$10 tombstone note, Darrell Luedtke showed a wooden nickel savings bank from Beloit State Bank and Dave Hunsicker showed a historic document.

Program: Thanks to Darrell for his informative illustrated presentation on grading Flying Eagle and Indian Head cents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Leon Saryan (acting Secretary)

Shipwreck Treasure Hunter Accused of Cheating Investors Is Captured



Tommy Thompson holds a \$50 pioneer gold piece retrieved from the wreck of the gold ship Central America, in 1989. According to the US Marshals Service, Thompson, a fugitive treasure hunter wanted for more than 2 years was arrested in Florida on January 27

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A deep-sea treasure hunter who vanished during a court fight over his \$50 million haul of gold bars and coins eluded capture by hiding in a two-room hotel suite under a fake name, paying for everything in cash and keeping a low-profile, authorities said January 29.

Thompson, 62, was wanted after he failed to appear in an Ohio courtroom in 2012 in a lawsuit about the gold he brought up in 1988 from a 19th-century shipwreck. Two investors who had funded Thompson's dream to find the shipwreck sued, as did some of his crew members, who said they also had been cheated out of their share.

Thompson and his companion, Alison Anteiker, were arrested Tuesday in West Boca Raton and Thompson on Thursday appeared in federal court for a preliminary hearing. They are being held without bond — she on a civil contempt charge, he on a criminal contempt charge. He hasn't been charged with a crime over his handling of proceeds from the gold.

For more than two years, U.S. marshals in Ohio and Florida worked to track down Thompson. They did meticulous research, splashed his face on electronic billboards and ran down hundreds of tips from the public. They believed Thompson was highly intelligent and had been planning to disappear for some time.

On Sept. 12, 2008, he was arrested at a Jacksonville, Florida, gas station, carrying nine identification cards — eight of which police said were fake, according to an incident report. He was charged with possession of drugs without a prescription with the intent to sell, holding a fake ID, false personation and resisting an officer without violence. Court records show prosecutors later dropped all the counts, but it's not immediately clear why.

After his disappearance four years later, authorities found more evidence at a Vero Beach mansion he rented between 2006 and 2012, paying the monthly \$3,000 rent with cash and putting the utilities in the landlord's name.

Among the clues: A book called "How to Live Your Life Invisible" describing how to get by on a cash-only basis; bank wraps for \$10,000; metal pipes that authorities believed were used to store money underground; and 12 active cellphones, each used for specific attorneys or family members.

Much of the haul Thompson discovered was sold to a gold marketing group in 2000 for about \$50 million. The 161 investors who paid Thompson \$12.7 million to find the ship said they never saw returns from the sale.

In 1988, Thompson made history when he found the S.S. Central America, known as the Ship of Gold, which sank in a hurricane about 200 miles off the South Carolina coast in September 1857. Four hundred and twenty-five people drowned and thousands of pounds of California gold were lost, contributing to an economic panic.

Ted Thomas, a cousin who attended the court hearing, said Thompson was driven to the treasure hunt by his love of science and technology and unattainable feats, but that it ultimately ruined his life. "If he had to do it all over again, he wouldn't do it," Thomas said. "You don't throw away your life for something that's yellow and weighs a lot."

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

2015 – 35th Annual

Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic

Saturday, March 21, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel

(6401 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee)



Have your Scouts Find out about this interesting lifetime hobby, earn the Coin Collecting Merit Badge, and receive free numismatic literature!

BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLINIC, YOU MUST:

ONE: Read the Coin Collecting Merit Badge Book (earlier printings are fine for reference purposes, but the requirements we'll follow are in the 2002 or later editions.) The book can be purchased at the Trading Post and at most stores handling Scouting supplies. They can also be borrowed from libraries affiliated with the Milwaukee County Federated System. Scouts will be reviewed on requirements: 1, 2a-f, 3, 4, 5 a, b, 6, 7, 8, 9d and 10b. You must read the book. Certain required things are covered in the book that are not covered in the on-line worksheet.

TWO: Collect from circulation and bring (requirement 6) five different state quarters and be prepared to describe the 1999-2008 State Quarters program.

THREE: Collect from circulation and bring (requirement 7) a type set of U.S. coin currently in circulation. This type set must include one of each: 1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 25 cent, 50 cent coins and the Native American Dollar. The dates do not have to be the same. Know the location of the mint marks and the designers' initials. Prepackaged proof and mint sets are not acceptable.

FOUR: Collect and bring (requirement 9d) a date set of a single type from the year of your birth through last year (2014).

FIVE: Registrants will be sent a coin-related article to read. It will not be discussed at the clinic, but you will be reviewed on it (requirement 5b). You may also be sent several pages from reference catalogs (requirement 5a). This will be discussed at the clinic and you will be reviewed.

SIX: Bring only the coins required for the Merit Badge. Leave the rest of your collection at home. Of the coins you bring, at least one collection must be presented in approved storage / display devices (requirement 4). See pages 57 thru 59. At the clinic, the Scout will complete the other requirements and then be reviewed. Adult leaders are welcome to observe, but may not sit with the Scouts..

SEVEN: Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. The clinic is \$6.00 per Scout. Make checks payable to Boy Scouts of America.

Scoutmaster, please have the scouts bring a signed and FILLED IN merit badge (blue) card. Have him bring a notepad and his required coin sets with him to the clinic. Remind Scouts to **wear uniforms** and provide a copy of this flier to each scout planning to attend so he can study the correct requirements. Please register at the Scout Service Center. Troops and individuals welcome. Any questions contact Leon Saryan (414) 282-1919. Note: This year the clinic is being held in conjunction with the South Shore Coin Club Coin Show. This provides a wonderful opportunity for Scouts to experience firsthand a coin show (requirement 10b) and gives them a chance to expand their collections. Everyone will be able to visit the show after the clinic.



COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM



Troop _____ District _____ wishes to register _____ Scouts for the clinic. There will be _____ adults present for the full time. Registration is limited to the first 65 Scouts.

_____ # Scouts @ \$6.00 - Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Acct # 2015 - D754

Scout Name

Rank

Address

City/Zip

Phone

Adult Leader _____

City/Zip _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please return to: Three Harbors Council, BSA v 330 S. 84 Street v Milwaukee, WI v 53214-1468

CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
~PAPER MONEY SEMINAR~

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

TIME: 8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATION: Clarion Hotel Airport
5311 S. Howell Ave.
Milwaukee, WI. 53207

COST: CENTRAL STATES MEMBERS - \$20.00
NON - CENTRAL STATES MEMBERS - \$30.00

(\$15.00 CAN BE APPLIED TO A ONE-YEAR
CENTRAL STATES MEMBERSHIP)
BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
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CSNS member - \$20 _____
Non-Member - \$30 _____
Apply for membership? _____

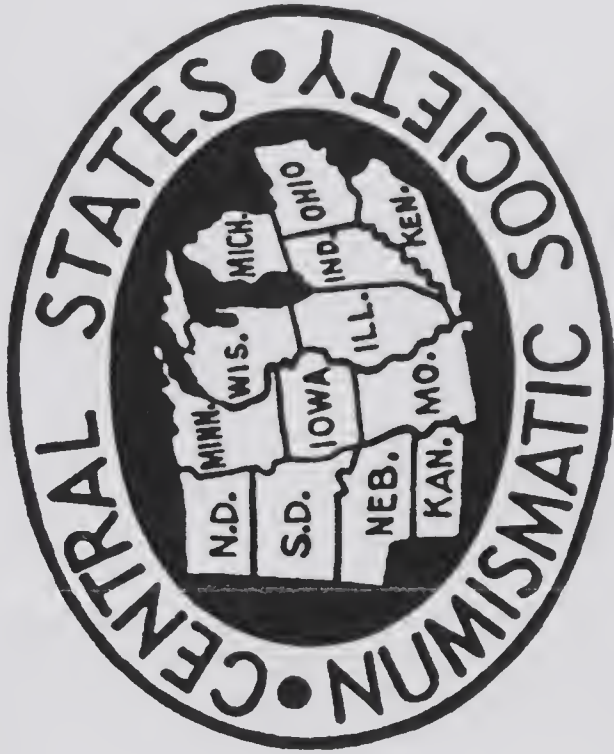
DEADLINE: MAY 12, 2015

Make checks payable to CSNS and mail to: Ray Lockwood
Box 93
Marion, IN 46952
(Please enclose this form) (765-664-6520)

PAPER MONEY SEMINAR

MAY 23, 2015
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CSNS spring seminar to focus on paper money

The Central States Numismatic Society is teaming up with three Wisconsin coin clubs to put on a daylong paper money seminar May 23. Presentations will cover topics ranging from pre-Civil War bank notes to world paper money.

The seminar, the first of two Central States seminars planned for 2015, is co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, the South Shore Coin Club and the Midwest chapter of the International Banknote Society. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel Airport, 5311 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI.

CSNS Education Director Ray Lockwood said the speakers and their topics are:

Bill Brandimore: *Small Size \$1 & \$2 Bills*

Brandimore, a past Central States president and Bank Note Reporter columnist and price guide analyst, will discuss low-denomination, small-size paper money.

He said, "I will be discussing small size \$1 bills of the 1928 through 1957 silver certificate issues and the \$2 legal tender bills of the 1928 through 1963 issues. Explaining the mule phenomena and emphasizing star note issues will allow collectors to look for scarce items they might not have been aware of previously."

Peter Huntoon: *Wisconsin National Bank Notes*

Huntoon, a noted author and expert in the field of national bank notes, is known for going beyond catalog listings to telling the engrossing tales behind the bills. His presentation is tailored for the Wisconsin audience.

He said, "There is a richness and depth to Wisconsin national bank notes that goes well beyond the simple challenge of attempting to collect one from every issuing town or bank in the state.

"The corporate history of The First National Bank of Milwaukee is about as convoluted as it can get;

and even though notes from this bank are considered dirt common, some of its issues are flaming rarities as a result."

"Wisconsin has the distinction of having hosted the smallest national bank note issue of any bank in the country.

"The population of Mineral Point was larger than that of Chicago and Milwaukee combined in the 1830s, and decades later the banker there ruined the local economy by operating a Ponzi scheme with his depositors' money that rivaled the best of them."

As with each of his previous CSNS state presentations, Huntoon said he will bring a slew of scans of Bureau of Engraving and Printing proofs from the National Numismatic Collection for banks from all over Wisconsin for which no notes are reported. "These alone," he said, "are worth the price of admission."

Neil Shafer: *Commemorative Paper Money of the World*

Shafer, a numismatic Hall of Fame paper money writer and researcher, said, "There are many events and personalities of great historical value, and their stories are brought to light through special notes prepared in their honor. I will show and discuss some of those that I feel have had the most influence on the world scene. Also, this area has been one of my favorites for a long time, and I glad to be able to share some of my own enthusiasm about them with others who may also find them of interest."



Shafer

Wendell Wolka: *Antebellum Badger Banking*

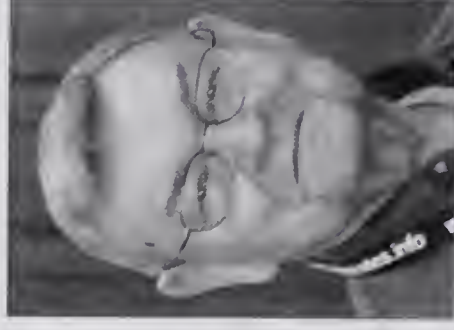
Wolka, a paper money collector and educator for more than 40 years, said, "The presentation will explore the origins of banking in Wisconsin and follow the course of events that unfolded, culminating in the significant dislocations to the state's banks due to the instability of the nation's credit markets during the early stages of the Civil War. Images of many extremely rare Wisconsin issues will be shown to illustrate the presentation and extensive use of contemporary sources will augment the narrative."

Registration is \$20 for Central States members and \$30 for non-members, with \$15 going toward a one-year CSNS membership. Registration deadline is May 12.

The fall seminar is scheduled for Sept. 12 in Indianapolis. For more information, contact Lockwood at sunrayofmarion@aol.com



Wolka



Brandimore



Huntoon